



The average family spends \$1,900 a year on energy bills, nearly half of which goes to heating and cooling. When you reduce the amount of electricity used to cool your home, you reduce the greenhouse gas emissions generated by burning fossil fuels to make that electricity. So ultimately, using less energy helps reduce the risks of global warming.

Here are the TOP 5 WAYS to Cool Your World with ENERGY STAR, so you can stay comfortable and save on your energy bills at the same time.

1. RAISE YOUR "COOL" IQ

The ENERGY STAR @ home interactive tool (www.energystar.gov/home) provides energy-efficient home improvement ideas and energy saving tips and advice for your entire home.

2. GET A CHECKUP

Schedule an annual, pre-season maintenance checkup with a licensed contractor to ensure your cooling system is operating efficiently and safely.

3. SEAL THE DEAL

Don't let the hot air in and your cool air out. Find and seal air leaks that cause drafts and make your cooling system work overtime.



4. GET WITH THE PROGRAM

A programmable thermostat, set and used properly, can save about \$100 in energy costs each year.

5. KEEP YOUR COOL

Look for the ENERGY STAR on products in more than 40 product categories, including lighting, consumer electronics, and appliances.

Products that earn the ENERGY STAR® prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. To learn more, visit www.energystar.gov.

